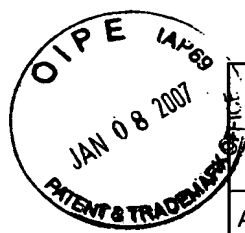


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 7, 2006, finally rejecting claims 1-7, 9-23, 35-37, 39-41, 48-52, 55-57, 59-61, 64-65, 80-81, 84-85, 87-89, and 92-93, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: